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President Hales

There currently three committees that are working on various issues on campus, they are the College Policies on Assault, Commencement Weekend and Neighborhood Relations.

1. College Policies on Assault

Anne Gates and Kurt Holmes will head this committee in conjunction with Joe Kirk. They are looking at the way assault is defined in the Scot's Key; their main focus will be sexual assault. Currently the Scot's Key leaves confusion as to where to find the college's policies on sexual assault, and the college's response to those allegations. As it is right now, sexual assault is combined with assault, coercion, harassment and intimidation. The job of this committee is to define sexual assault, decide what section it will be addressed under, what are the college's responses to sexual assault, and to clarify the differences between sexual misconduct and sexual assault. They then have the job of promoting these changes and clarifications to the campus community.

2. Commencement Weekend

Anne Gates is chairing this committee. The committee will look at the effectiveness, and efficiency of commencement weekend. The focus will be on the possibility of a class day, where seniors will receive department recognitions. It is currently looking to be held on Saturday after the planting of the class tree, since that is the only major event on Saturday. This will be dependent on the costs of such an event. They are also working to provide explanations to students of why they received a certain prize.

3. Neighborhood Relations

This committee, which is chaired by Kurt Holmes, will look at the effects of off-campus living situations both on the college itself, and the community of Wooster. There is discussion of making Wooster a completely residential campus. Another issue that was brought up, was more closely monitoring fraternity houses, and not allowing them off-campus residence, since the city of Wooster has municipal codes against that.

The next point of discussion was the current campaign the college is embarking on.

Campaign

The College is trying to gain capital for both the creation and renovations of buildings and to build to the current endowment fund. The quiet part of the campaign has been in effect for the past three years; the public campaign starts October 18th, 2003, and will last for four additional years, reaching completion in June 2007. The goal is to raise \$120 million, half of that has already been raised. \$50 million of the total will be placed in the endowment, a little under \$50 million for building, and \$20 million for the operation of the campaign. The renovation of Kauke is estimated to be \$18 million. The new Rec Center will be the focus after 2007, in addition to the building of a new smaller dorm to replace the Holden Annex, and the refurbishment of campus houses. There was concern of the new dorm taking away additional "green space" on the campus, but they are going to try and build the dorm, where buildings already exist, so that no additional space is lost. The goal of the new dorms is to give students more space, not increase enrollment.

Dave Brown

Res/Life is hoping that by December they will have figured out what to do with the new dorm (to make a program dorm or not). They will also have figured out what will become of the First Year Program, and the Greek Program, since there is talk of making Bissman, Armington, and Stevenson dorms singles. They are also working on deciding what to do about the smoking situation on campus i.e. not allowing smoking in any dorms. They are also continuing the study of the new First Year living situation in Miller Manner, and Westminster Cottage.

Joe Kirk

- Security has been working hard to raise the level of accountability of the staff, and thus far has only experienced positive feedback.
- The officers are trying to interact positively with the students to create an unbiased community, and they are even the program advisors to a house on campus.

- They are also working on integrating Keys & Ids into the Security Office to allow students 24-hour access to these facilities.
- They are being very rigid with the parking policy, since the price of permits was raised. In the past week, though they have noticed fewer tickets being given out, and fewer towings, because of the expense of each.
- They will be doing a lighting walk in the near future to see if lights need to be made brighter, or lights need to be added in certain areas. At this time, they will also be looking to see if additional emergency phones need to be installed.
- They are still working on the issue of visitor parking.

Kathy Breitenbucher

- Dorm Days and the beginning of the semester was interesting due to the computer viruses, lightening, and various other problems.
- Informational Technology is looking into what printer cartridges are most popular among the students so that they can then buy in bulk giving a lower rate at the book store. SGA has formed a Committee to head up this effort.
- The new printer/copier system was explained and further details can be found at: <http://www.wooster.edu/technology/documentation/default.html>
- Finally the Information Technology department would like to become proactive in dealing with students and student organizations. Council has already seen the first draft of the Student Organization Setup Information document, which allows students and student leaders to communicate with Informational Technology.

Budget

Council wanted to created more umbrella organizations, or incorporate more groups under these umbrella organizations to better organize the budget. The tentative timeline is that by November student organizations would have to have their proposals ready for the spring semester. Then in February, the student organizations would give their proposals to their respective umbrella organization, and in late February, early March, the umbrella groups would give those proposals to Council, and by mid March Council would present those requests to the Business Office. The hopes of this would be to cut-down on the

dead time at occurs at the beginning of each semester, and just clean up some of the organizational issues.

There was also talk on enforcing the spending of received funds by student organizations.